Telecasting of Programmes by Prasar Bharati

† 2337. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of channels on which Prasar Bharati is telecasting programmes in the country;

(b) the number of programmes produced by the employees of Prasar Bharati and telecast on each of the channels during the last six months;

(c) the number of such programmes telecast by Prasar Bharati after their production by other institutions; and

(d) the programme-wise details of the amount spent by the Prasar Bharati on the production of each programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) 21, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No centralized record of such details is maintained by Doordarshan.

Installation of VLPT in H.P.

† 2338. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether she is aware that a survey was conducted to instal a VLPT at Jhakhdudhar due to poor reception of Doordarshan Programmes in a number of Gram Panchayats of Chidgaon Tehsil of Shimla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the installation of VLPT at Jhakhdudhar has not been found suitable technically; and

(c) if so, whether Government will consider conducting a survey for installing VLPT at Rantadi, Badiyara, Thalidhar etc., of Chidgaon Tehsil to ensure that Doordarshan Programmes are available to the people of that area?

THE MJJ^ISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHM A SWARAJ): (a) A survey to ascertain the availability of TV signals in Chidgaon tehsil of Shimla district had been carried out by Doordarshan in 1999.

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